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## DAUGHDRILL

In loving memory of our  
precious husband and father,  
Walter A. Daughdrill, Sr., who  
passed away on December 30,  
1947. It is with great pleasure  
that I can mention the blessing  
the *Evangel* brought to my fa-  
ther. He especially enjoyed the  
sermons.—Mrs. W. A. Daugh-  
drill and children.

## SOUTH CAROLINA STATE CAMP MEETING

June 29-July 8

EVERYBODY WELCOME!

ZENO C. THARP, Overseer of  
South Carolina

## Indiana State Camp Meeting

The Indiana state camp meeting  
will convene July 29 through August  
8, seven and a half miles southwest of  
Indianapolis, on Highway 67, on the  
Church of God Campground.

We are expecting our General Over-  
seer, Rev. J. C. Jernigan; Rev. R. R.  
Walker, General Secretary and Treas-  
urer; Rev. E. J. Boehmer, former Gen-  
eral Secretary and Treasurer; Rev.  
A. L. Burroughs; and others.—C. C.  
Rains, Overseer.

# State Camp Meetings and Conventions

State	Place	Date
Alabama	Birmingham Campground	July 6-15
Arkansas	Benton	July 8-18
Delaware	Maryland Campground	July 31-Aug. 1
D. C., Washington	Maryland Campground	July 31-Aug. 1
Florida	Wimauma	June 16-25
Georgia	Campground	July 13-25
Idaho	Lewiston	June 18-July 1
Illinois	Benton Campground	June 27-July 4
Indiana	Campground	July 29-31
Iowa	Jefferson	June 27-July 3
Kansas	Coffeyville	July 2-8
Kentucky	Near Lexington	July 1-10
Louisiana		July 16-18
Maryland	Campground	July 31-Aug. 1
Missouri		July 8-18
Montana	Castle Rock Campground	July 22-30
Nebraska	Coffeyville, Kansas	July 2-8
Nevada	Lewiston	June 18-July 1
New England States	Maine Campground	July 16-25
New Jersey	Brooklyn, New York	July 28-29
New Mexico	Roswell	July 7-15
New York	Brooklyn	July 28-29
North Carolina	Campground	July 13-23
North Dakota	Minot	June 25-July 4
Oklahoma	Shawnee	July 12-18
Oregon		July 1-11
Pennsylvania	Somerset	July 21-Aug. 1
South Carolina	Near Mauldin	June 29-July 8
South Dakota	Minot Campground, N. D.	June 25-July 4
Tennessee	Cleveland	June 25-July 4
Virginia	Pulaski	June 24-27
Washington		July 1-11
West Virginia	Beckley	July 23-25
Wyoming	Castle Rock Campground	July 22-30
Western Canada	Outram, Sask.	July 6-15
Central Canada		July 18-28

## SPECIAL NOTICE

As in previous years, the books of  
the General Headquarters of the  
Church of God will close for the fiscal  
year at noon July 31, 1948. All monies  
to be included in this Assembly year  
should be sent in time to reach our  
office not later than the above date.

Any amount intended for the Pub-  
lishing House accounts should be sent  
directly to the Church of God Publish-  
ing House.

R. B. Walker, General  
Secretary and Treasurer.

## Correction

A box sent to orphanage by Mrs.  
M. L. Wiggins, 202 Eslava St., should  
have read, "From Willing Workers'  
Band, of the Oakdale Church of God,  
malled by Mrs. M. L. Wiggins."—Mrs.  
V. M. Davenport, President, L. W. W. B.,  
Mobile, Ala.

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do not have an FM set, purchase one  
and then you, too, may hear us. FM  
is becoming one of radio's most out-  
standing achievements. The time of  
this broadcast is 10:30 to 11:30 p. m.—  
Earl P. Paulk, pastor.

I should like to contact some lady in  
evangelistic work who desires a co-  
worker. I play the piano and accor-  
dion, also sing, and have my own car.  
I have had some experience in evan-  
gelistic work, also daily vacation Bible  
School. References exchanged.—  
Laura M. Pilgrim, 418 E. Va. Ave., Bes-  
semer City, N. C.

# Editorials...

Rev. John C. Jernigan, General Overseer, was unanimously elected by the Board of Directors as president of Lee College (whose tenure of office begins September 1, 1948), announced Rev. U. D. Tidwell, Chairman of the Board.

Reverend Jernigan was a former student of the Bible School, having attended the term when the late Rev. J. B. Ellis was superintendent and teacher. It was there that our president-elect learned well how to outline sermons, and liked it. He has been a worker and a booster for the institution through all these years. For many years he has served the Church in various key positions: since 1926 served as state overseer of Virginia, Kentucky, Georgia, Tennessee, and Florida; for thirteen years a member of the Supreme Council; and four years ago elected General Overseer of the Church of God, the highest position of the organization.

Saturday, June 5, the General Overseer, president-elect of Lee College, and his wife, their car loaded with the General Overseer's portable office, well stocked with advertising matter of the College, left for his scheduled state conventions, where this capable dual personality will attend the affairs of his general position and launch a special solicitation for students for the Bible Training School and College.

His first convention will be in Texas. From there they go to Ohio, and on to Michigan, before turning south to pass through Cleveland en route to the state convention and camp meeting in Florida.



Rev. John C. Jernigan, President-Elect

## GOAL

Brother Jernigan and the Board of Directors have set a goal for this term, of eight hundred students. We earnestly solicit your cooperation in this great and noble work.

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Rev. E. M. Tapley, B.A., M.A., was re-elected dean of the College. For the past two years Dean Tapley has done a splendid work in his field. Just recently he has completed final arrangements with the state educational authorities in securing their approval and endorsement of a special summer school course, fully accredited by the State, for teachers of Bradley and surrounding counties who are in need of further credits. There are fifty-one teachers taking advantage of this splendid course now.

## Summer School Enrollment 231

This is the largest enrollment in the history of our summer school. Besides the fifty-one teachers, there are one hundred and eighty in the regular course, including our G.I.'s in every department of our school, which the Government has approved.

They will need our prayers in their efforts to plan a program of spiritual training and education for our young people. Let us join together in our prayers and our boosting of this great and worthy institution. Many of our young people need the training and the spiritual encouragement that this school is prepared to give them. Pastor, encourage young men and women in your congregation to enroll at once for the fall term, which opens September 6.



Rev. E. M. Tapley, Dean



# Cankered Gold

By Walter R. Pettitt



James 5:1-4, 14-16.

In these verses of James' writings I believe there is a glowing parallel with our prayers of today. James is here warning these men concerning their riches.

## Your Riches Are Corrupted

In other words, your possessions are rotten and worthless. You have torn down your barns and built greater ones. They groan with the strain of bursting abundance. Your large vats are overflowing with rich, red, sparkling wine, and the overflow forms a red stream across the cellar floor. That stream is not only wine, but the mingled blood and sweat of staggering, unclothed, underfed, and unpaid slaves.

As was customary in the Orient, much of a man's wealth was invested in his wardrobe. His closet hung with many expensive garments. So full were his closets that the small unseen moth had to squeeze in, then eat his way through to a safe hiding place. They were beautiful, but unused caused their defilement.

## Your Gold and Silver Are Cankered

That by which you are judged today, those shining, glittering pieces of identity, if given, blesses many; if paid rightfully, increases and returns multiplied many folds.

Your gold is corrupted, rusted. Because it has gone unused for so long it has cankered. The canker on your gold is a witness against you. To these rich men their cankered gold takes on life. It becomes animated, even alive, and cries through voices of needy, lean laborers, until heard by the Lord of Sabaoth. The rust of them shall be witness against you. James then tells them to go weep and howl. Not weep and repent as a human soul, but weep and howl as an animal, because they have lived such debased, low, animal lives.

## Now for the Parallel

Gold is something tangible and many times is used in paying a debt,

or as a gift. *Prayer* is also real, accessible to all, and is used in paying our debt to God, and is a gift from God. 2 Tim. 1:6, "Stir up the gift of God, which is in thee." Every Christian, upon his adoption into the family of God, through the death of Jesus, is bequeathed an invaluable legacy, and it is *prayer*.

Prayer is the most *powerful* force in the universe. Every man can pray. The Bible says, "Men ought always to pray." Yes, pray without ceasing, because they are bottled in heaven and appear as a memorial for us before God.

Our prayerful life makes our Christian life garnished, polished, valuable, and acceptable to the Lord. A prayerless life makes one unbecoming, marred, corroded, even unrecognizable, and of no value to God. Then it is the rust from unused prayer which witnesses against us before God. A prayerless life is a powerless life. A prayerful life is a powerful life.

He who seeks to save his life shall lose it. No man can save himself. No man can lift himself by his own boot straps. Neither can he add a cubit to his height. *But* after David's encounter with the bear and lion, he prayed. His faith was bolstered, and he bounded forth to kill Goliath. When David was compassed by his enemies and his body afflicted, he prayed. After contacting God, he said he could run through a troop and jump over a wall.

Hannah prayed, and God gave her and His people Samuel the prophet, priest, and leader. After Elijah prayed, the fire fell. After the thief on the cross prayed for Jesus to remember him, he went that day to paradise with Christ. Paul prayed and was caught up into the third heaven. He saw things unlawful for men to see. John prayed and received a trip to Patmos. He saw before him there a panorama of the glorious enlightenments of the Revelation. Martin Luth-

er prayed and became the porter to open the door to an evangelical faith.

Prayer is essential for our own spiritual existence. However, the most important and essential prayer is the *intercessory prayer*.

The rich had the cankered gold to witness against them. We have the powerless, unspiritual, unvitalized prayer to witness against us.

My humble, urgent plea to a praying people is to make our prayers intercessory. The only way the gold will not be cankered is to put it into use. The only way our prayers will not become rusted and corrupted is to make them *intercessory*. We can pray. Will we pray for others?

You may be rich in prayers. You may be able to offer the best worded, most fluent, and flowery prayer in your congregation, *but* your gold prayers are cankered and rusted because they are not intercessory. Throw your bread out on the water, and it will return to you after many days.

Will the command be to go weep and howl because of the cankered gold testimony? or, because of our intercessory prayers, will we hear the words, "Enter in"? and there we will lay the sheaves of souls at the Master's feet.

## Lift Him Up

The early church did not lift up a Jesus who could only save people's souls, but One who had all power in heaven and in earth and could heal their blind eyes, cancers, leprosy, lameness, etc., as well. Jesus Christ is the same yesterday, today, and forever, and if the twentieth-century church will lift Him up like they did, He will do the same works today, and we shall have a world-wide revival instead of an atomic war.—Earl Cripps, New York City.

Asking God for the things we want, for personal benefit, is begging, but asking God for the things we need for His glory in praying.

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# What Is God's Will?

Mrs. John F. Thames

Matt. 7:21, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven; but he that **DOETH THE WILL OF MY FATHER** which is in heaven." This makes it very, very important to find out what the will of the Father is. Prayerfully searching the **WORD OF GOD** gives us a perfect picture of what it takes to know and do the will of God.

Heb. 13:20, 21, "Now the God of peace, that brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, that great shepherd of the sheep, through the **BLOOD** of the everlasting covenant, **MAKE YOU PERFECT** in every good work **TO DO HIS WILL**, working in you that which is wellpleasing in his sight, through Christ Jesus, to whom be glory for ever and ever. Amen!"

Only through the blood of Jesus is one made perfect, and enabled to know and do His will. 2 Peter 3:9 says, "The Lord is not slack concerning his promise, as some men count slackness; but is longsuffering to us-ward, **NOT WILLING THAT ANY SHOULD PERISH**, but that **ALL SHOULD COME TO REPENTANCE**."

Friend, it is not His will that we go on in our sinful way, die, and go to hell, for Jesus paid the price by giving His life that you and I might have a chance to repent, and have everlasting life hereafter. Are you doing anything about it? Your soul is your most precious possession. Don't gamble it away.

In the eighteenth chapter of Matthew, where Jesus was speaking of the ones that had forsaken Him and gone back in sin, He said, "Even so it is not the will of your Father which is in heaven, **THAT ONE OF THESE LITTLE ONES SHOULD PERISH**." If you have turned back, you did it against the Father's will, and He is willing to take you back any time you repent and forsake sin. If you go to hell, you will go on your own will, for He has made a way for you to escape. Praise God!

Christians, it is up to us to do all we can to help the wandering ones back to God. Remember, a haughty, cold, careless spirit will only drive them farther away. We must show them that we are interested in them through the week as well as on Sunday. It would be terrible to meet God

with someone's blood on our hands.

Heb. 10:36, "For we have need of patience, that after ye have done the will of God, ye might receive the promise." Col. 4:12, "That ye may stand **PERFECT AND COMPLETE IN THE WILL OF GOD**."

In John 7:17 Jesus said, "If any man will do his will, he shall know of the doctrine, whether it be of God, or whether I speak of myself." So there is a possibility of knowing the will of God, and of knowing the true doctrine of Jesus Christ.

1 Tim. 2:8, "I WILL therefore that men pray every where, **LIFTING UP HOLY HANDS**, without wrath and doubting." Then, it is not silly to pray with uplifted hands, **HOLY** hands, hands that are clean and pure, hands that are interested in doing the will of God. Those who do the will of God are the ones Jesus called brother, sister, and mother. Matt. 12:50, "For whosoever shall do the will of my Father which is in heaven, the same is my brother, and sister, and mother." Then, if we do not believe His Word, and do His will, we can not enter into the kingdom of heaven. Remember the text, "Not every one that saith unto me, Lord, Lord, shall enter into the kingdom of heaven, but he that doeth the will of my Father which is in heaven."

To do His will we must be born again. John 1:12, 13, "But as many as **RECEIVED** him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name: **WHICH WERE BORN, NOT OF BLOOD, NOR OF THE WILL OF THE FLESH, NOR OF THE WILL OF MAN, BUT OF GOD**." Some like to leave off part of this, but it will take all of it to make us ready for the kingdom of God. 1 Thess. 4:3, 4, "For **THIS IS THE WILL OF GOD, EVEN YOUR SANCTIFICATION**, that ye should abstain from fornication: that **EVERY ONE OF YOU** should know how to possess his vessel in **SANCTIFICATION and honour**." Then, how can we do the will of the Father if we are not sanctified?

Heb. 2:4, "God also **BEARING THEM WITNESS**, both with signs and wonders, and with divers miracles, **AND GIFTS OF THE HOLY GHOST, ACCORDING TO HIS OWN WILL**." It

being the Father's will for these gifts to be in the church, it surely would be against His will for them to be rejected. We cannot go to heaven against His will. Rom. 8:26, 27, "Likewise the Spirit also helpeth our infirmities: **FOR WE KNOW NOT WHAT WE SHOULD PRAY FOR AS WE OUGHT**: but the Spirit itself maketh **INTERCESSION** for us **WITH GROANINGS WHICH CANNOT BE UTTERED**. (This is when the Holy Ghost is praying through us in languages we do not know.) And he that searcheth the hearts knoweth what is the mind of the Spirit, **BECAUSE HE MAKETH INTERCESSION FOR THE SAINTS ACCORDING TO THE WILL OF GOD**." Oh, if people would quit being self-satisfied, and seek God's will! Read 2 Tim. 3:1-5.

1 Cor. 1:1, 2, "Paul called to be an apostle of Jesus Christ **THROUGH THE WILL OF GOD**, and Sothenes our brother, **UNTO THE CHURCH OF GOD WHICH IS AT CORINTH** (and not in heaven), to them that are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, with all that in every place call upon the name of Jesus Christ our Lord, both theirs and ours." Corinth was a town in Greece, in which there was a Church of God, of which Paul was an apostle, according to the will of God. It being the Father's will for a Church of God to be at Corinth (on earth), why shouldn't there be a Church of God now? Who has a right to change even the name of the church? and if it had not been God's will for it to have been thus, it would not have been in the Bible.

Rom. 12:2, "And be not conformed to this world, but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may **PROVE WHAT IS THAT GOOD, and ACCEPTABLE, and PERFECT WILL OF GOD**." Regardless of what the world thinks, one can know, and do, and prove the will of God. It is very important to look up and prayerfully study these scriptures: 2 Peter 1:21; 1 Tim. 2:8; Eph. 5:17; 1 John 2:17; 1 John 5:14; Rom. 12:1, 2; 9:19, 20.

God, help us all to earnestly seek Thy will, and not that of our own, that we may be worthy to enter into that Holy City to forever be with our dear Saviour. Glory to God!

# GOVERNMENTS... Are They Man-Made?

By Rev. W. H. Compton

(Continued from last week)

Matt. 18:15-19, "Moreover if thy brother shall trespass against thee, go and tell him his fault between thee and him alone: if he shall hear thee, thou hast gained thy brother. But if he will not hear thee, then take with thee one or two more, that in the mouth of two or three witnesses every word may be established. And if he shall neglect to hear them, tell it unto the church: but if he neglect to hear the church, let him be unto thee as an heathen man and a publican." Beloved, notice there was a discipline to which to adhere, in speaking of this specified system. This proves that the church is to have power and authority. Friends, in the thousand years on this earth, with Christ reigning, He will exercise power and authority—government. We should get used to being governed here, then it will not be so difficult during the millennium.

Many contend that the rules and regulations of the Church of God are a lot of Bible plus what man adds to them. Many are continually trying to squirm out of Bible discipline. So many believe in dictatorship as long as they can be the dictator. If we don't believe in church government, how are we going to practice what Jesus taught in Matt. 18:15-19?

We are told by some who disbelieve in system and order that anything other than that which is taught in the Bible is a sin. I believe many of my readers will quickly acknowledge that when the apostles were here several things were done for the upbuilding of the church on earth which were not taught in writing. They used the governments and helps God put INTO the church. Acts 16:4, 5, "And as they (Paul and Timothy) went through the cities, they (Paul and Timothy) delivered them (the people) the decrees (ordinances, laws, edicts, or judicial decisions) for to keep (observe), that were ordained of the apostles and the elders (not God, or Christ; neither the Holy Ghost) which were at Jerusalem (not in heaven). And so were the churches established (fixed firmly, settled, proved legally, strengthened, restored) in the faith, and increased in number daily." Notice, the apostles and elders at Jerusalem had the au-

thority to ordain. They instituted these rules and suggestions for the people to obey. These men were working for the upbuilding of the Church of God on earth. Discipline will be carried out in the millennium. Why not have system and order in our day?

Some are stubborn today. The same thing existed in the days of the prophets and the apostles. So will it be in the millennium, but Christ will rule with a rod of iron (authority); therefore, people will be forced to be obedient. When Christ reigns on this earth, we will have an ironclad rule of love, without fail.

We find in Heb. 13:17, "Remember them which have the rule over you, who have spoken unto you the word of God: whose faith follow, considering the end of their conversation. Obey them that have the rule over you, and submit yourselves: for they watch for your souls, as they that must give an account, that they may do it with joy, and not with grief: for that is unprofitable for you." If any thing is taught in the Bible, rule and order is. As long as God's church rules in harmony with the Bible, I am sure God will put His approval upon it.

We must not get too far away from our text, because we are taught to "Walk by the same rule, let us mind the same thing."

Many who fight system and order contradict their own theory in many ways. For consideration, think of this: When a funeral is in our midst, we arrange for it. We select the proper songs, have a suitable prayer, a proper Scripture reading, and the proper sermon for the occasion. This proves we are in favor of discipline. When people are converted, they look next to be baptized.

Our God is a God of system and order. I am glad He is. If God were to act in His problems as many of His people do in theirs, I wonder what the outcome would be. In heaven there is system, and it should be so in our homes, churches, governments, schools, states, counties, districts, etc. If automobiles are not assembled as they should be, then they will not perform as they should. So it is with the church organization. Proper rules

must be followed to have perfect performances.

## CONCLUSION

1 Cor. 5:5, "To deliver such an one unto Satan for the destruction of the flesh. . . ." Who gave Paul this authority?

1 Cor. 7:17, "But as God hath distributed to every man, as the Lord hath called every one, so let him walk. And so ordain I in all churches." Who gave Paul this privilege? to ordain in ALL the churches.

1 Cor. 11:34, "And if any man hunger, let him eat at home; that ye come not together unto condemnation. And the rest will I (Paul) set in order when I come." Who gave this power to Paul? 2 Cor. 13:2, "I told you before, and foretell you, as if I were present, the second time; and being absent now I write to them which heretofore have sinned, and to all other, that if I come again, I will not spare." Friends, I am confident that the early church had real system and order. Verse 10, ". . . lest being present I should use sharpness . . . to edification, and not to destruction." Why did he have the right to use sharpness?

1 Tim. 1:20, ". . . Hymenaeus and Alexander; whom I have delivered unto Satan, that they may learn not to blaspheme." Paul had the legal right to exercise discipline on this occasion. He had received the power from someone. You may say that it was given him directly from God. No, if that were so, many would have rebelled against him. In all probability, Paul had the church authority in this section. At any rate, he was carrying out church orders.

1 Tim. 3:5, "For if a man know not how to rule his own house, how shall he take care of the Church of God?" Paul infers that the church organization should be carried out in a Biblical manner, and he proceeded to do so. 1 Tim. 5:1, "Rebuke not an elder, but in-treat him as a father; and the younger men as brethren." Paul states that the members should not rebuke an elder; that would be out of order. I would that those who think system and order is incorrect think on this verse for a few moments, then perhaps they could see that they are out of order.

Titus 3:10, "A man that is an heretick after the first and second admonition reject." Paul tells just exactly what to do when a person fails to do right. Many would like to stick closely to the definite "seventy times seven"

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# Fathers' Day, June 20



publicity may render a service by awakening us to relationships and obligations often neglected. Despite the irritating notes of over-commercialization, chaplains can wisely use these special DAYS for the presentation and application of religious truths.

MOTHER'S DAY was observed on the second Sunday in May. FATHER'S DAY is to be observed by many people on the third Sunday in June. So many special DAYS follow one upon the other that sometimes one suspects that people stay up late at night trying to concoct new schemes for the exploitation and commercialization of human emotions and appetites. The press and radio bombard us with advice to buy flowers, candy, neckties, socks, etc.,—and in this way to prove something. It is not surprising that many people have become "fed up" with these multiplied observances.

On the other hand, inasmuch as we take so much for granted, and inasmuch as we tend to accept the love and sacrifices of our parents as casually as we accept the air that we breathe, the barrage of commercial

## Northwest Camp Meeting and State Convention

The Northwest camp meeting and state convention for North and South Dakota will convene at the campground at Minot, N. Dak., June 25 to July 4. Rev. Paul H. Walker, a native son of North Dakota, is to be the night speaker, with the ministers of this territory and visiting ministers doing the day preaching. Join us in this grand feast of spiritual blessings. We expect many visiting ministers and singers from other states and Canada to be present. The fair that has hindered the entertainment in the past is set for a later date this year, so come; there will be plenty of room for all.—T. M. McClendon, Overseer of North and South Dakota.

## The Lord Is Ever With Me

BELFAST, Me.—Since 1920 I have been a happy recipient of God's spiritual blessings as I have served Him in Tennessee, the Carolinas, the Virginias, Florida, Maryland, Louisiana, California, Maine, the Bahamas, Cuba, Haiti. I have been blessed with health, temporal blessings, spiritual grace, and the favor of the people. In the Bahamas, Cuba, and Haiti, the Lord was very gracious to me. The natives were very friendly. They seemed to be glad to share their food and other temporal blessings with me, and at every place they helped me in my work. My many voyages via ship and plane have been pleasant. I know the Lord has been with me and my heart

has overflowed with gratitude many times as I observed the expression of His graces.

I especially desire to praise the Lord for His graces since I came to Maine last September. The month before I came, this church paid about thirteen dollars tithes. I wondered how I would live. In His good way the Lord has sustained me. Moreover, the Lord cared for me during last winter. The winter was very long, and a number of elderly people said the winter was the worst in many years. Part of the time it was twenty and thirty degrees below zero. Our house was poorly heated, and my sister Pearl, who is assisting me, and I almost froze. We had terrible colds. Once, after I had worked in the cold a while, I had pains as if I had rup-

## ONE-MINUTE SERMON

### DEFENDED BY CHRIST

"Let her alone; why trouble her?" Mark 14:6. This stinging rebuke came from Christ. It was for those who grumbled because Mary had anointed Jesus with precious ointment. Mary sought for Jesus without being called. She did more than was required; she gave something that was precious. The gift was from her heart, and it was given unselfishly. She gave her best to the Master.

Some were filled with indignation and complained bitterly at this benevolent act. They were quick to find fault. Christ, however, commended Mary while others criticized her. Others may misunderstand, fail to give due consideration, but Christ knows and understands. To live so Christ can defend us is most wonderful. Better to have His defence than the support of an army.—Manuel F. Campbell.

tured myself; at another time a cold caused my lower limbs to ache for several days; but through it all, I sought and trusted the Lord and He healed me.

The sub-zero weather is past, and we are enjoying spring weather. Our church is progressing, and we are pressing on for the Lord. Pray for me.—A brother in Christ, William T. Auten, 5 Field Street.

## Thanks for Prayer

COOPERS MILLS, Me.—I thank everyone for their prayers in response to my request a little over a week ago.—Sister I. Lunn.

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# First Northeastern Youth Con

*By Julia Daughdrill*

On the night of April 8, 1948, delegates from eighteen Northeastern states, and visitors from the South and West, gathered in the Emery Auditorium, in Cincinnati, Ohio, for the first regional Youth Congress of the Church of God in that vicinity.

As service time came near, delegates gathered in the beautiful auditorium, some having traveled for hours and hours, and all having looked forward to this great meeting for months and months. From the platform, on out through the lobby, came the soft notes of the trumpet as Joe Milligan, Illinois state youth director, played. The invocation was given by Rev. Paul H. Walker, and the meeting opened with Rev. O. W. Polen, Ohio state youth director, in charge. Rev. Ralph E. Williams, National Youth Director, introduced each state overseer; they each came to the speakers' stand and gave very encouraging statements concerning the youth work. Each state youth director came to the platform, gave his name and what state he represented, and had the delegates from that state stand, thus showing a grand representation from the various states. Distinguished guests were introduced and the "Who's Who" came to a close. Rev. J. L. Goins, Ohio state overseer, and

Rev. G. W. Lane, pastor of the Cincinnati church, made everyone feel most welcome. Rev. M. P. Cross, Illinois overseer, prayed the consecratory prayer, bringing all nearer the Lord where His presence could be realized.

The speaker of the evening, Rev. S. G. Brock, delivered a powerful message from 1 Samuel 16:10, 11, on "Youth's Place in the Church of God," bringing out "youth meeting the challenge and answering the question, 'Does youth have a place in the program of God?'" He pointed out that when the children of Jesse passed by Samuel, David wasn't there, and Samuel was not impressed with any of them. He said, "Are these all thy children?" Jesse said, "There remaineth yet the youngest, and, behold, he keepeth the sheep." They brought him in, and God said, "There is the man"; not the older 'rough necks,' who were hard to handle; but the youngest, who had not yet reached maturity and was yet tender and could be trained. A little later David heard the giant challenge the children of God, and he said, "Who can defy God's army? . . . Let me go in my own way." He knew how to get the job done, because he had tried it out on the lion and the bear. So must we do the little tasks well be-



This group of seven young men, with Rev. R. E. Lov directing, participated in the panel discussion at

fore we face the giants in life, and then know our strength and how to go about getting the job done.

The message came to a close as the youth in the audience, together with the older folk, responded to a consecration service call and knelt around the altar, sincerely seeking more of the power of the Lord in their lives.

Friday morning the large crowd gathered in the beautiful church at Twelfth and Elm streets, and service began under the direction of Rev. Ralph E. Day, Michigan state youth director. Special singing and Bible meditation of great inspiration preceded "Church of God Youth—Past, Present, Future," by the National Youth Director. The audience eagerly listened as Reverend Williams told how Rev. M. P. Cross, as state overseer of Michigan, and Rev. Houston R. Morehead, as a minister in the State, organized the "Harvesters" in Michigan. Brother H. L. Chesser served on the committee which drew up a constitution for the organization of the young people in Florida. They adopted the constitution for that state and named the organization the "Young People's Endeavor." Through the efforts of Brother Cross, Brother Morehead, and the brethren of Florida, the organization was submitted to the General Assembly and received



This fine orchestra rendered music for the Northeastern Youth Congress.



# Congress of the Church of God



Rev. R. E. Lovelle (standing before the microphone) in discussion at the Northeastern Youth Congress.

official endorsement. From that we had the beginning of the youth work in the Church of God—1927-28. Brother Williams said, "We have traveled on for several years, growing steadily, and I want to express right here my appreciation for what the Church has done throughout the years for the young people." The audience was quick to respond in sanctioning Brother Williams' statement as an expression of their appreciation for what the Church has done for the youth. At the end of Rev. Williams' message, the audience stood, promising to do something to win young people in the services, and in their efforts, and prayed to that effect.

The morning sermon was by Rev. John C. Jernigan, General Overseer, "If I Were Young Again." His text was 1 John 2:14, written by supposedly the youngest of the twelve apostles, who had grown old but realized the importance of youth in the work of God, to the young men, "Because ye are strong, have the word of God abiding in you, and ye have overcome the wicked one." Reverend Jernigan expressed how it filled his heart with joy to see the young men, who have grown up in the Church, standing steadfast and unmovable in the doctrines of the Bible.

Friday afternoon service time came

none too soon, with Rev. Kenneth Combs, youth director of Delaware, Maryland, and the District of Columbia, in charge and an outstanding lecture forum, "Youth and Church Membership," by Rev. Carl Hughes. All doubts concerning the importance of youth joining the Church were eliminated as the value of the Church in training and supporting the youth in their spiritual lives was pointed out. An inspirational vocal number, by Miss Wandalee Stephens, "Jesus Let Me Walk with Thee," was followed by a Spirit-filled message by an accomplished young evangelist, Rev. E. H. Miles.

Many uplifting and soul-stirring songs led up to the climax of the song service Friday night, with the Homeland Harmony Quartet of Cincinnati, singing, "My Lord Delivered Me," and the Daniel Sisters, "I Want to Be More and More Like Jesus." Bible meditation, by Rev. Russell Tiday, on "Focusing Our Lives" was very inspiring. Instrumental numbers, "There Is Power in the Blood" and "I'm Anchored in Jesus," added much to the service.

The message of the evening, "Youth and Modernism," was by Rev. L. H. Aultman, state overseer of Kentucky, preaching in the absence of Rev. James T. Pitts, who was very ill. His text was Psalm 119:9, and the message, including awakening facts and challenging conditions in the world today, created zeal and hunger for wholehearted consecration that brought an overflowing crowd to the altar, saying they would stand for the

Church and fight against modernism.

Rev. George R. Cook, West Virginia state youth director, who plans to return to India in the near future, was in charge of the Saturday morning service, which added great spiritual strength to the meeting. Rev. Walter Pettitt gave the Bible meditation from St. James 5:1-13, warning against the rust of unused prayers that will witness against us before God. "Soon I'm Going Home," by the McCane Quartet, added much to the spiritual fervor of the meeting. An unusual feature of the program was a panel discussion on "To What Extent Can Christian Young People Safely Associate with Sinner Young People?" under the direction of Rev. R. E. Lovelle. All speakers were alert, with well-constructed arguments; such as "When we are in contact with the world we don't have to do the things that the world does," and Jesus said, "Father, they are in the world, but not of the world."

Then came one of the high lights of the entire meeting, the message on "A Consecrated Youth," by Rev. V. B. Rains, from 1 Cor. 6:19, 20. With him we realize that after Christ has washed us from our sins and we have been cleansed by the power of Jesus Christ, after we have received the Holy Ghost, we still have within ourselves the privilege of giving wholly to God. "May we have more consecrated youth, given wholly in spirit and in body for sacred use, not forgetting that we are

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Pictured above are two of the outstanding speakers at the Northeastern Youth Congress: Rev. L. E. Painter and Mrs. George Ayers.

# Foreign Missions

All the World—  
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Executive Missions Secretary

## Turks Island Convention

The Fourth Annual Convention of the Church of God in Turks Island convened at Grand Turk, March 2-8, 1948

There was a wonderful spirit of fellowship and love throughout the entire convention. We were privileged to have with us Bishop H. C. Stoppe, overseer of Jamaica and the Turks Islands. Bishop Stoppe preached some very inspiring sermons during his stay. He spent two days giving special instructions to the church and his Biblical outlines were enjoyed by all.

We were also happy to have with us Rev. G. M. Prenier, superintendent of the Seventh Day Adventist on the Island.

At the close of the convention we started to erect our new church building, size 42x22 ft. Please pray for the success of the work.

—Rev. O. O. Wolfe,  
Assistant Overseer.

## Third Bermuda Convention

Dear Brother Brinsfield:

Greetings in the precious name of our Lord Jesus Christ. Truly our hearts are grateful to our almighty God for the wonderful way He has brought us through. The way looked dark and hopeless, but God brought us to the top. We regret that we were unable to have at least one of our foreign brethren with us, but through prayer and fasting our third convention was a successful one. God is real to all who will trust Him. "Oh how sweet to trust in Jesus and to take Him at His Word."

Many thanks to you, our brethren, for the way you remembered us in prayer. We felt that there was someone praying for us. We also pray that God will bless you.

Our hearts were made glad, thanks be unto God, for your choosing and sending such a man, filled with God's Holy Ghost power, in the person of Elder S. A. Robertson. He has proved

a great blessing to all, and it was wonderful to see how God helped him in our third convention. Each day we had our early devotional service at 6 a. m. Every morning, when we gathered in our hall, our hearts were blessed and our spirits were refreshed to go through the rest of the day. At 3 p. m. we had a wonderful baptismal service. Nine were baptized in the ocean. At 6 p. m. we gathered together for the Lord's Supper, and at 8 p. m. our next session met. From that day our program went on until our convention ended. We had welcome addresses from various ones, remarks by a few respected citizens, Sunday School reports, a message from our respected Elder S. A. Robertson, reports of state superintendent, representation of L.W.W. Band, representation of our branch of churches, messages by our visiting ministers, reports of the Y. P. E., business session, testimonies, altar service, resolution, and divine healing service. We truly thank God for each session.

Many of our brethren from other denominations came with us and we just let God lead. They proved a great blessing and we had a glorious time together in lifting up the blood-stained banner of Jesus Christ. We prayed, sang, and shouted the praises of God for giving us victory through the blood of Jesus Christ. Thanks be unto God, for prayer is the key.

We still solicit your prayers. May God bless you one and all.

I remain yours in His service,  
H. M. L. Evans,  
State Secretary.

## COVER PICTURE

2 Kings 2:14, "And he took the mantle of Elijah that fell from him, and smote the waters, and said, Where is the Lord God of Elijah? And when he also had smitten the waters, they parted hither and thither: and Elisha went over."

With exceeding grateful hearts we report that the God of Elijah is answering our prayers at Baltimore, Maryland. There were times when troubled waters overflowed our banks, but God opened a pathway and the Church crossed over on dry, safe land. The victory is ours today, because the battle we fought we won in Jesus' name.

This is a view of our church building at Monroe and Saratoga streets, where our pastor, Rev. Carl J. Hughes, and his wife are putting forth all their efforts and talents to promote God's cause. Our recently organized "Revival Hour" radio program is eagerly heard in hundreds of Baltimore homes

every Sunday at 2:00 p.m. The mission field's loss has been our gain in having Brother and Sister Hughes pastoring our growing church. Recently, we broke all previous records by having 350 in our Sunday School. Our pastor and superintendent, Brother Otis Bednego, challenged all conflicting spirits in this large city and have successfully established our Sunday School to almost twice its past membership. Their theme is "Unity." Our state overseer, Rev. O. C. Crank, is certainly the man of the hour in his untiring, successful efforts against all opposing forces in Maryland. We are looking to the God of Elijah to bless us with a larger place of worship and also to give us more Churches of God in Baltimore. Our Y. P. E.'s prayerful goal is "Baltimore's Youth for Christ." Is anything too much for the God of Elijah? Our answer is no, God will put His mighty approval upon His program inasmuch as we are determined to

labor together.

Our faith and hopes are focused on God. He has blessed us in the past, encouraging us in the present, and we know He will work great achievements in the future. We are depending on the prayers of all the saints who are interested in promoting God's progressive work on this earth. The God of Elijah is with us and who can withstand!—Alberta Schwartz.

## Do You Know

THAT Jesus is coming soon?

THAT God is now pouring out His Spirit as at Pentecost, at the house of Cornelius, at Ephesus, etc.?

THAT Jesus is healing the sick as in the Acts of the Apostles? Mark 16:17, 18.

THAT there is salvation for the "whosoever" believeth? John 3:16.—Earl Cripps, New York City.

# REQUESTS... for Prayer

## PRAY FOR:

Complete healing of my body; God to take the drink habit away from my husband.—Amanda Brown, Dunlow, W. Va.

Special requests: me to be stronger in the Lord.—Mrs. G. W. Price, Toccoa, Ga.

Special request.—Mrs. Ollie Newman, Swainsboro, Ga.

My husband to be healed of heart trouble; my son who has a cataract on his eye; my children to be saved, sanctified, and receive the Holy Ghost; me to be healed.—Mrs. Tina M. Falagan, Orlando, Fla.

My backlidden daughter.—A Sister.

My father, who is in the hospital in serious condition and is unsaved.—Mrs. E. L. Phurrough, Mobile, Ala.

Me to be healed.—Mrs. E. H. Rivers, Ruby, S. C.

My body to be healed.—Mrs. Curtis Bowens, Davisport, Ky.

Six special unspoken requests.—A Reader.

Two special unspoken requests; my father to be saved.—A Sister.

God to heal my stomach and other ailments.—A Sister in Christ.

A very special unspoken request.—V. R. Batte, Mableton, Ga.

My little boy who was run over last year by a car; the unsaved of my home; an urgent unspoken request; loved ones to be saved.—Mrs. Estell Thracker, Thomaston, Ga.

Me to be healed of pellagra.—Mrs. M. E. Black, Valdosta, Ga.

My broken limb and foot; God to undertake for us.—Mrs. Z. L. Dobbs, Calwa City, Calif.

My body to be completely healed of rheumatism; a lady who is ruptured; a friend who has hardened arteries.—Mrs. W. V. Barnett, Bloom, Kans.

God to heal my ankles so I can work; complete healing for my wife's body.—W. A. Campbell, Cleveland, S. C.

An unspoken request; my husband to be saved; a sister who is ill.—A Sister.

My husband to be saved and come back to his family.—A Sister.

The healing of my body; unsaved loved ones; a brother with low blood pressure; a sister-in-law with tumor; unspoken request.—Mrs. W. A. Fuller, Moulton, Ala.

Brother George Cozort Sabin, who is very ill.—Mrs. George Fleming, Glenfork, W. Va.

God to heal Mrs. Rosa White, of Verdenville, W. Va., of T. B.; me to be healed of a stiff hip that has been broken.—Paul M. Dingess, Chapmanville, W. Va.

A special request.—Mrs. Elbridge Paynter, Man, W. Va.

God to heal my afflicted mother and daddy; me to be saved; my husband to stop drinking.—Grace McKeller, Donaldsonville, Ga.

My daughter to be saved; very special request.—Mrs. Beatrice Johnson, Gastonia, N. C.

The healing of my mother's body.—W. H. Godwin, Minneapolis, Minn.

Clifton Fugate, Jr., to be saved.—A Friend.

Me to be healed of sinus trouble and other ailments; a very special unspoken request.—Mrs. E. W. Spivey, Collins, Ga.

Me to be healed. I have a bleeding ulcer on the front of my head, poison all over my body, and I think I am losing my eyesight.—Mary Frances Cash, Knoxville, Tenn.

An urgent unspoken request; two other unspoken requests.—A Member.

Me to be healed of an affliction I've had almost eighteen years; unspoken requests.—Nellie Sexton, Rock Hill, S. C.

Healing for my baby.—Mrs. R. Malones, Millstone, Ky.

The Lord to save my husband and us to have a Christian home in which to rear our children.—Ruby Jenkins.

My healing of high blood pressure and other ailments.—Hester McVaffrey, Jacksonville, Ala.

My healing of T. B.; me to be drawn nearer the Lord.—Mrs. Agnes Reed, Grand View, Tenn.

Healing for my sister.—Celertine Broomer, Barbados, B.W.I.

Healing for my son of mental and nervous troubles; him to be saved; me to receive the

Holy Ghost.—A Member of the Church of God.

God to heal me of arthritis and other ailments.—Myrtle McKinney, Stephenson, W. Va.

A very urgent request; the doctors say there are no chances for me to live. I am a mother of seven children.—Mrs. H. H. Smith, Dacula, Ga.

Healing for my daughter; my healing; me to receive the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Geo. McCall.

A special unspoken request.—Ivory Jones, Eastman, Ga.

Healing for a girl who is insane; two important requests.—A Friend.

An urgent request.—Mrs. Ockie Norris, Fayetteville, N. C.

My complete healing.—Mrs. Ada Cross, Kansas City, Mo.

My lost loved ones to be saved; my brother, Dennis Newton, who is beginning a revival in Chicago.—Macie Newton, Glenview, Ill.

God to heal me of stomach and heart trouble; my eight children and four in-laws who are unsaved; our home to be a Christian home.—Drew Price, Bonne Terre, Mo.

Healing for Brother Prince's eyes.—A Reader, Elbert, Fla.

God to strengthen the muscles of my hip and limb. Weakness caused by a fall.—Mrs. I. Lunn, Coopers Mills, Me.

Healing for my father, mother, and me; us to be blessed with good health.—Marie Waters, Princess Anne, Md.

My sister who needs help of the Lord; two unspoken requests.—A Friend.

My little girl to be healed of stomach and head trouble; her to be able to hear again; my son to receive the Holy Ghost; husband and me to be drawn closer to the Lord.—Allie Rotlins, Kinard, Fla.

Healing for my husband; my daughter to be saved.—Mrs. Charles Baldwin, Seymour, Ind.

Healing for all my ailments; complete healing for a friend; my father's healing.—A Reader.

Three urgent requests.—Sister Payton, Indianapolis, Ind.

The Lord to heal me of weak lungs; my friends.—Mable Brooks.

My husband to be saved; me to draw nearer the Lord.—Mrs. Mattie Larkin.

God to save my soul and deliver me from the tobacco habit; my healing; my children to be saved.—A Reader.

God to heal me of cancer.—Ethel M. Cox, Hendersonville, N. C.

Healing for Sister Lizzie Morgan, who has cancer; healing for my little daughter.—Mrs. Opal Morgan, Greenmount, Ky.

Healing for my feet. I can hardly walk.—Mrs. L. A. Brinkley, Homerville, Ga.

My unsaved loved ones; an unspoken request.—Mrs. C. K. Puffenberger, Staunton, Va.

The Lord to save my husband.—A Reader.

Healing for my two boys, one has stomach trouble, the other bad eyes; that I may receive the Holy Ghost.—T. Chucus, Millen, Ga.

My brother-in-law to be saved; He is near death with T. B. Write him if you feel led.—Jimmie Pratt, Fort Gay, W. Va.

A special unspoken request.—Mrs. Myrtle Watkins.

God to save my three sons; my healing of high blood pressure; my daughter to be healed; Mrs. Gidds, who has a broken hip.—Mrs. Irene Stanley, Bedford, Va.

My son, Alfred Jones, who has been in the hospital for three months in Portland, Ore., and is very serious with nervousness.—Mrs. W. J. Jones, Hattiesburg, Miss.

My healing. I have something like cancer.—Vanner Call, Empire, Ala.

Two very special requests; my husband to be healed of heart trouble; my family to be saved.—A Sister, Logan, W. Va.

Healing for my son-in-law, who has ulcerated stomach; very special unspoken request.—Mrs. W. M. McCowley, Lamesa, Texas.

My sister to be healed of sugar diabetes; my children to be saved.—Mrs. Susie Harris.

Healing for my husband, who has asthma; my family to be saved; my only son to have regular work; my daughter to get back on her job; God to supply our needs.—Mrs. Daisy Parkerson, Sardia, Ga.

God is working with me. All I have ever craved in life is a Christian home and God to be the head of my home. I lost my father, L. T. Walden, February 2, and ever since then God has been working with me. I want all of God's people to pray that God will save me and take charge of my home, no matter what it takes. I know if God doesn't help me now I will be lost. I have a little girl eighteen months old and a boy thirteen years old. My home needs God. God answers prayer, and I know when we fast and pray and believe Him, He hears. I want the Church of God to join me in praying for God to make a change in my home and make it a God-loving and happy home.—Mrs. T. L. Wilson.

## I Need God's Help

Tonight as I sit here reading my Evangel, I want to write for prayer. I've needed prayer for a long time and I've planned to write to the Evangel, but have neglected it so long.

I have been serving God and been a member of the Church of God for over twelve years. I love the Lord and certainly want divine guidance in all I do. God has been so good to me, but I have failed Him. I desire a closer walk with my Saviour.

I have been teaching in the public schools of West Virginia for six years, and I truly praise God for the experiences received. For several years I felt that God had a work for me to do, but I have tried to better equip myself by continuing in the public schools. This year, trouble has seemed to arise on every hand. My body has become weak and nervous. I don't feel like doing my work that certainly needs to be done at church, home, and school. I need and desire healing for my body and soul.

I have wanted to attend B. T. S. for years, but problems arise and hinder. As I read the wonderful testimonies of the young men and women of Lee College, my heart seems to melt because I have not had the privilege of attending. This summer I plan to return to a West Virginia college to work on my B. S. degree. I want the prayers of God's people that I may walk in THE WAY and show others how to live for God. I want to be an example to others as Christ was for me. I want to use my education and all I own for the glory of God.

Pray that God will save my family and friends who have much faith in my life, yet they are not in the fold. Pray for an unspoken request.—Alice E. Kiser.

## Home Needs God

BESSMER, Ala.—I wish to request prayer for my home. My husband has

a bad habit of using God's name in vain. I once was saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. I know



# ..REVIVALS..

**JESUP, Ga.**—We have just closed a wonderful revival which was conducted by Reverend W. C. Clayton, Reverend Hall, and Reverend Roy Harris. There were twenty-three saved, eight sanctified, five filled with the Holy Ghost, seven added to the church, and ten baptized in water. God was with us the four weeks of the revival. Pray for the church at Blanton's Grove. Rev. J. W. Heaton is our pastor.—Naomi Heaton and Lawanda Popell.

**ROCK HILL, S. C.**—We praise God for the way He is blessing our church. Recently we closed one of the best revivals we have ever had at the Church of God in Rock Hill. Brother Robert J. Johnson was the evangelist. The Lord blessed in a wonderful way. Several nights the Holy Ghost came down in such a wonderful way we didn't have any preaching. Someone was saved every night, with the exception of one or two nights. There were eighteen saved, fifteen sanctified twelve baptized with the Holy Ghost, and fifteen added to the church. On the last night of the revival, we had our first baptismal service in our new baptistry. Seventeen followed the Lord in baptism that night. Our church has been greatly blessed by the services rendered by Brother Johnson. The revival spirit is still present in our midweek prayer meetings and in our week-end services. We thank God for our pastor, Brother J. L. McCoy, and his good wife. They are great workers in the vineyard of the Lord.—Mrs. Arthur Deese.

**CALLAHAN, Fla.**—If you think the days of old-fashioned revivals are passed, then you should have been with us for the past five weeks. God certainly smiled down on us here. Rev. Drew Mills, of Cairo, Georgia, was with us and under his able evangelistic messages from night to night, there have been thirty-five saved, sixteen sanctified, ten filled with the Holy Ghost, thirty-two baptized in water, and twenty-two added to the church. We certainly do praise God for it.

We praise God for our beloved pastor, Rev. R. E. Roberts, who has been

with us three years, and we want to keep him another two years if we can. If any of you pastors are looking for a real consecrated evangelist to conduct a revival in your church, you will do well to secure Brother Drew Mills, as he believes in letting God and the Holy Ghost have full swing in the services.

The revival spirit is still in our midst. Two young people received the Holy Ghost in Y. P. E. services this week. Pray that God will continue to bless us here.—Mrs. J. H. Wells, Clerk.

**BELFAST, Maine**—A three weeks' revival closed here with good results. Several souls prayed through to victory, the church was blessed, and the young people were encouraged. On Saturday night a week after the revival, our Y. P. E. lasted more than three hours and the offering was good. Remember the young people in your prayers. The evangelists for this revival were Sister Margaret Gerg and Sister Alice Josephson, both of New Jersey. We solicit an interest in your prayers for the Belfast church.—Pearl Auten.

**VERNON TOWN**—We praise God for the wonderful inspiring messages that Brother Andrew Mills brought while in a two weeks' revival at our church. There were four reclaimed, three received the Holy Ghost, and God blessed the saints wonderfully. We praise God for His goodness and love to us. Pray for our church.—Ethel Watts, President of Willing Workers' Band.

**ERWIN, N. C.**—The Church of God at Erwin, North Carolina, has just closed an old-time, Holy Ghost revival. Brother Randall Geren, of Cleveland, Tennessee, was the evangelist. Night after night God worked in a marvelous way. Brother Geren would let the Holy Ghost have His way. More people received the Holy Ghost in this revival than in any we have had, and more united with the church. There were thirty-two saved, twenty-nine sanctified, and twenty-five baptized with the Holy Ghost and spoke in tongues as they did on the day of Pentecost. Acts 2:4. There were forty-four baptized in water and twenty-

six united with the church. We praise the Lord for this revival at Erwin. Pray that God will continue to bless. Our pastor and his wife, Brother and Sister J. R. Easom, have been a great blessing to the church.—Henry Turnage.

**WARREN, Ohio**—We are glad to report that we are still on the battlefield for our Lord. God has been blessing here. We have just recently closed a good revival conducted by Rev. D. R. Moreland. Brother Moreland was at his best and his wonderful messages were preached under the anointing of the Holy Ghost and were a great blessing to all. Holy Ghost conviction gripped the hearts of people and a number prayed through, being saved, sanctified, and filled with the Holy Ghost. The revival lasted six weeks, and we were all sorry to see him go. He will be a real blessing to any church. He spent practically all of his time in study and prayer, and his messages were backed by the mighty power of God. There will always be a welcome for Brother Moreland any time he can come our way.—Mrs. D. G. Phillips.

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# Testimonies

Dear Brother Walker:

Enclosed find check for the *Evangel*. Since I sold out the Royal Palm Motor Court at Hypoluxo, Florida, I've been traveling around. You don't know how much I miss the *Evangel*. I always looked forward to Saturday morning when it came. It was like a lot of letters from my best friends, real friends. —Stella Sue Bruce, St. Petersburg, Fla.

## Have Not Been Idle

We wish all of our friends and co-workers to know that we are still on the battlefield for the Lord. We have not been idle. The coming General Assembly will finish seven years of labor in the State of Virginia, and five years of that time has been spent at the Mt. Hermon church as pastor. Although somewhat broken in health, and beginning to feel our age, we still feel the "go ye fire" burning the same as it was in 1931, when we severed connections with secular life to give full time to the ministry.

A member of the Church of God since November, 1909, we still love the Church and its good old way; so much as in us is, we are still ready to preach any-and-everywhere, in either pastoral or evangelistic effort. Please pray for us, and we shall be glad to hear from any of our friends and fields where we have labored since 1931.—Sincerely, Bishop and Mrs. T. P. Douglas, Pastors, Evangelists. Route 2, Gladstone, Virginia.

## Almost Instantly Healed

I praise the Lord for His healing power. A few weeks ago, I was suffering so I could hardly live. I asked a sister to send a request to the *Evangel* for prayer, and I was almost instantly healed. I also thank the Lord for saving, sanctifying, and filling me with the Holy Ghost.—Mrs. Mary Youngblood, Taylorsville, N. C.

## Appreciates the Evangel

This moment finds me saved, sanctified, and baptized with God's eternal Holy Ghost and fire. I have a determination to go all the way with the Lord. God has healed me many times. I appreciate the *Evangel*. It is food to my soul and it cheers me when I'm sick. I like the Lighted Pathway, too. —Allena Curtiss, Garpum Bay.

## MY CHRISTIAN EXPERIENCE

NEWPORT, Tenn.—In 1934, a Church of God Preacher, Brother A. L. Lineheart, stretched a big gospel tent near Rhodhiss, N. C., where I was living at that time. I knew but a little about holiness or the Church of God, and it seemed that no one else in the town knew about it. I didn't care to know about it for I thought I was having a good time serving the devil. Brother Lineheart began to fast and pray, and the people went out to the tent to see what was going to happen. God would anoint His servant with the Holy Ghost and fire to preach the Word. Deep conviction took hold of hard-hearted sinners, and they fell in the altar and prayed through to victory. The Lord talked to my heart. I had a hunger in my soul nothing in this world could satisfy.

The revival had been in progress about four weeks when one night my sister came to me with tears streaming from her eyes. She put her arms around me and begged me to go to the altar and seek the Lord. My soul was so burdened down with conviction I could hardly stand unsupported, but Satan was on the job that night. It seemed he took control of me and caused me to laugh in the face of my precious sister who was pleading for my soul. She told me she was going to continue to pray for me. I left the tent that night with a heavier burden on my heart than I had ever had before. My bed was as a bed of stones. I couldn't find any rest for my soul. I tried to pray but that didn't seem to help. Finally, I begged the Lord with all my heart to give me one more chance to go to the tent and I would surrender my life to Him.

The Lord was good to me and I was there the next night by the time the service began. When the invitation was given for seekers I was the first one at the altar. The Lord saved me that night. I went home shouting the victory over sin. Praise His name! I had been made a new creature in Christ Jesus.

A hunger was still in my soul. I was not satisfied with my experience; the Lord was surely leading me. Almost before I realized what was happening, I was back in the altar praising and glorifying God for saving me. He came

down in great power and sanctified me wholly. When I completely surrendered myself to the Lord, it seemed the heavens were opened and I was carried away by the great power of God. When I came from under the power of God, the Holy Ghost was testifying for Himself. Praise the Lord! That same Holy Ghost abides today.

All these fourteen years I have been a child of God have not been spent on the mountain top shouting the victory, for I have experienced some hard trials and temptations. It seems that many times I have walked through the valley of the shadow of death, but we should fear no evil for He is always near to comfort and care for His own.

I realize I have failed to do the Lord's will many times, but He has never failed me. In our darkest moments, yes, even when death is hovering near some of our loved ones, He is always there to comfort our hearts. The Bible says we should love the Lord with all our *hearts*, and with all our *strength*, and with all our *mind*.

I desire the prayers of all the Christian people that as long as I live here in this world I will be a blessing to someone. May God bless you everyone.—Mrs. Vivian Clevenger, Rt. 1.

## Jesus Means Everything

ROCK HILL, S. C.—I praise my dear Redeemer, Saviour, Healer, and soon coming King, who means more than all the world to me. I promised the Lord if He would heal me of flu and bronchial trouble, I would praise Him. Jesus is wonderful to me. I love Him best of all. Praise His holy name! Jesus has healed in my family many times.—Nellie Sexton.

## He Sticketh Closer Than a Brother

STATESVILLE, N. C.—I praise God for His healing power and the many, many blessings He has given me. He is a friend who sticketh closer than a brother. I praise Him for saving me about forty years ago. I am looking for Jesus to come soon. I want to live an obedient life.—Mrs. B. G. Byrd.

## Baby's Head Healed

PULASKI, Va.—About two and a half years ago my little baby boy's head was fractured. At once I sent a request to be put in the *Evangel*. I thank everyone who prayed for my baby. Most of all I thank God for answering prayer and healing.—Mrs. Bertie Myers.

## FIRST NORTHEASTERN YOUTH CONGRESS OF THE CHURCH

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bought with a price," said Reverend Rains.

On Saturday afternoon, service opened under the direction of Rev. Samuel Edmunds, Indiana state youth director. Rev. Bill Brown enthusiastically expounded the truth of the Bible in the meditation, pointing out that "God doesn't care how much education or money you have, so long as you don't let it come between you and Him. Paul was a learned man—David was unlearned; make the best of the opportunities you have. God used what they had." He closed the message with the challenging statement, "It remains to be seen what will be made of a man who will be thoroughly consecrated."

The audience was favored with quartet numbers by both boys and girls from the Orphan Home, and a piano solo by Mr. Phillips. The visual-aid program, under the direction of Mrs. George Ayers, held the audience spellbound as many Y. P. E. suggestions were given. A flannelboard story of the resurrection was given, and hymn stories of "Rock of Ages" and "Blest Be the Tie" following, which songs were sung. The blessings of the Lord swept the audience, and a message in tongues, with the interpretation, pointed out the Author of faith as the center of attraction. The story of the lost coin and an object lesson were very impressive.

The afternoon message, "The Mission Calls for Youth," by Rev. J. S. Brinsfield, Executive Missions Secretary, was a challenging message, based on the three verbs of the Bible, COME, TARRY, and GO; and pointing out that even though nations rise and fall, time doesn't change our God.

The final service came with the power and presence of the Lord still manifest. Under the direction of Rev. Manuel F. Campbell, Kentucky state youth director, service began promptly, with Rev. Ralph Williams leading the choir in singing "There Is Power in the Blood." The congregation stood, praising the Lord, as Miss Maxine Richardson brought to a close the Bible meditation from Matt. 6:33. A very inspiring number by Vernon Klauadt, and selections by Professor Otis L. McCoy, Music Editor, were outstanding features of the song service which led up to a forum by Rev. Paul H. Walker, Rev. J. S. Brinsfield, and Rev. J. L. Goins, giving valuable and interesting

information concerning the mission program of the Church of God. The Daniel Sisters then sang and the speaker of the evening, Rev. L. E. Painter, brought a most soul-stirring, inspiring, and challenging message, "Preaching an Ancient Gospel in a Modern World."

With grateful hearts to God, we thank Him for such a great convocation of Christian young people for the propagation of the gospel of Jesus Christ.



### HARDEN

#### Another Minister Passed

On April 29, 1948, at 4:30 p.m., the death angel visited the home of Brother John F. Harden and carried his soul away to be with the Lord. Brother Harden was a faithful soldier of the cross, and a blessed, happy Christian. His testimony thrilled the saints. He often testified that he didn't want to go to heaven because the streets were gold or the gates pearl, but because he wanted to see the One who redeemed his soul. Brother Harden was faithful and patient. Through his long, lingering

illness, God sustained him and gave him strength to be in service almost until the time he fell asleep in Jesus. God blessed him with a good, long life.

Brother Harden had been a licensed minister in the Church of God since 1924. He did pioneer work in the states of Louisiana, Mississippi, and Ohio and had several churches to his credit. God called him home just before his seventy-eighth birthday.

He leaves his loving, faithful wife and one son, Earl, and the saints who loved him dearly.

The funeral was conducted at the West Dayton Church of God, of which he was a member, by his pastor, R. Huff. His body was laid to rest in Ludlow Falls Cemetery, near Dayton, Ohio, to await the resurrection of the just.—Mrs. R. Huff.

### GARR

Mrs. Blanche Katherine Garr, born 1896, went to be with Jesus December 17, 1947. She was united in marriage to William Garr in 1911. To this union was born one daughter, Inez. Sister Garr has been a faithful member of the Church of God for a number of years. She is greatly missed by the Centerville Church of God. May heavenly blessings rest upon Brother Garr and Inez.—L. E. Holdman, Pastor, Centerville, Iowa.

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## Governments—Are They Man Made

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mistakes a day, but Jesus also taught that we may use only three admonitions, according to Matt. 18:15-19, if we so desire.

Acts 15:6, 28, "And the apostles and elders came together for to consider of this matter. For it seemed good to the Holy Ghost, and to us, to lay upon you no greater burden than these necessary things." Here you have the officials doing their duty according to system and order and discipline.

Friends, consider Acts 15:1-22. Read these verses carefully. If church discipline were not the order at this particular time, when there was confusion, dissension, and disturbances among the people, then I wonder what it could be called.

I have merely touched the doctrine of governments, but this should be enough to prove that God desires that we be businesslike instead of care-free in regard to His work. Practically everything else has a system, and I think that God's work should be run systematically.

Many say the church does not do the right thing in its business dealings. Maybe you haven't done the thing you should have done to cause the right to prevail. So many keep quite when they should speak. Then sometimes they speak when they should listen or keep quite.

I am sure that in the executive offices throughout the world, most men are businesslike; yet there are some who are not, which keeps the right thing from going over. Many good propositions could be in order today, in or out of church, if all would do the right thing.

We are in the U. S. A. and we have our troubles, but we don't give up. We generally fight on for the right way. We should fight for perfection, though we haven't attained it. Those who fail to observe governments as taught in the Bible have their difficult problems, too. What advantage do they have over those who are organized? I see the point as this: those who are organized are surely obedient to discipline even though there are misunderstandings at times, but those who are against discipline are disobedient to the Bible, as far as system is concerned, and have their troubles.

Government is the need of the hour, as well as some other things.

## Report

In our Augusta, Maine, District youth rally, March 13, at Pittsfield church, the Lord met with us in a great way. The afternoon and evening services were well attended, with a goodly number coming from Somerville, Augusta, and Portland. We were blessed with good special singing by the young people and a message on "Missions" by Brother Savage. The offering for missions was \$18. Brother Camp, state overseer, was with us.—David Wilburne, State Youth Director.

## Healed of Nervousness

GUSTON, Ky.—Jesus has healed me many times of different ailments. After almost two years of a severe nervous trouble, I was in such a serious condition I couldn't eat or sleep. Many times I was prayed for and the Lord had touched me, but I was not completely healed. One morning I had suffered so much until I raised my hands toward heaven and said, "O Lord, if you will heal me, I'll do anything you say." Just like a flash of lightning He said, "Will you make a certain thing right and confess?" I said, "Yes, Lord." The person I had to confess to was a sinner and I didn't know what he might do, but I had told the Lord I would go. I asked the Lord to go with me. When I had confessed and obeyed God, He healed me and I slept like a baby that night. I

believe if I had not obeyed the Lord, I would be in either the cemetery or an institution today. Bless His name, that was almost eleven years ago and I am still healed today.

Dear sufferer, if you really want healing for your body, tell the Lord you will obey Him, then do it. He will not tell His child to do something impossible.

Today finds me saved, sanctified, and filled with the precious Holy Ghost. I pray that this testimony will help someone to have faith in Jesus for healing.—Daisy Logsdon.

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